

proposed herein will not result in the abandonment of any facilities, nor will it result in any disadvantage to any of Applicants' customers.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 2, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding.

Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicants to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-121-000]

#### Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

December 11, 1997.

Take notice that on December 5, 1997, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana, Houston,

Texas 77002, pursuant to Sections 5 and 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, filed in Docket No. CP98-121-000 an application to replace a no-fee gas transportation service performed on behalf of Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) with service under Tennessee's generally applicable Part 284 tariff. The no-fee service was certificated in 1979 in Docket No. CP78-267-000 in connection with the Bear Creek Storage Company (Bear Creek) venture between Tennessee and Southern.

Tennessee states that under the no-fee service it provides storage-related transportation services for Southern for Southern's injections and withdrawals from Bear Creek, and that Southern does not provide any corresponding services for Tennessee. Tennessee further states that Southern does not nominate the no-fee services, that the services disrupt operations under Tennessee's open access tariff and that the certificated service is a carryover from the era of bundled pipeline sales that is no longer in the public interest. Tennessee proposes that the Commission grant authorization to replace the certificated no-fee transportation service with firm Part 284 service under Tennessee's Rate Schedule FT-A, at a level consistent with Southern's requirements and at Southern's election. Tennessee states that its proposal would maintain Southern's continued use of, and access to, the Bear Creek storage facility under terms and conditions applicable to all other Rate Schedule FT-A shippers on Tennessee.

Tennessee proposes to credit to its customers all firm revenues received from Southern under the replacement transportation service until the effectiveness of Tennessee's next rate case.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 2, 1998, file with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act. All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the Protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, or if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Tennessee to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-119-000]

#### Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application To Amend Certificate

December 11, 1997.

Take notice that on December 5, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (Williams), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, to amend Williams' Elk City Storage Field certificate, issued on September 24, 1958, in Docket No. G-10956 (20 FPC 390), by allowing an expansion of the Elk City storage facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The certificate issued in Docket No. G-10956 authorized Williams (formerly: Cities Service Gas Company) to construct and operate the Elk City Storage Field, in Elk, Chautauqua, and Montgomery Counties, Kansas, as an underground gas storage field.

Williams' application in Docket No. CP98-119-000 has been filed to comply with a November 13, 1996 order that the Commission issued in Docket No. CP96-311-000. The November 13 order authorized Williams to expand its buffer zone by 1,460 acres, and required Williams to conduct a detailed reservoir